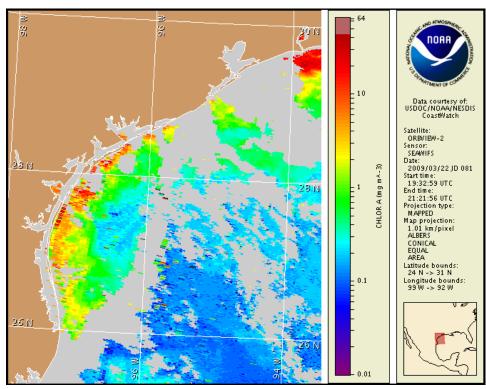


Gulf of Mexico Harmful Algal Bloom Bulletin

Region: Texas
24 March 2009
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Satellite chlorophyll image with possible HAB areas shown by red polygon(s). Cell concentration sampling data from March 14 to 18 shown as red (high), orange (medium), yellow (low b), brown (low a), blue(very low b), purple (very low a), pink (present), and green (not present). For a list of cell count data providers and a key to the cell concentration categories, please see the HABFS bulletin guide:

http://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/hab/habfs_bulletin_guide.pdf

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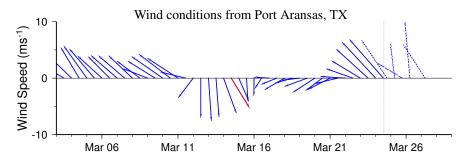
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Conditions Report

There are no reports of harmful algae at this time.

Analysis

There is no indication of a harmful algal bloom along the Texas coast at this time. -Wynne, Lopez

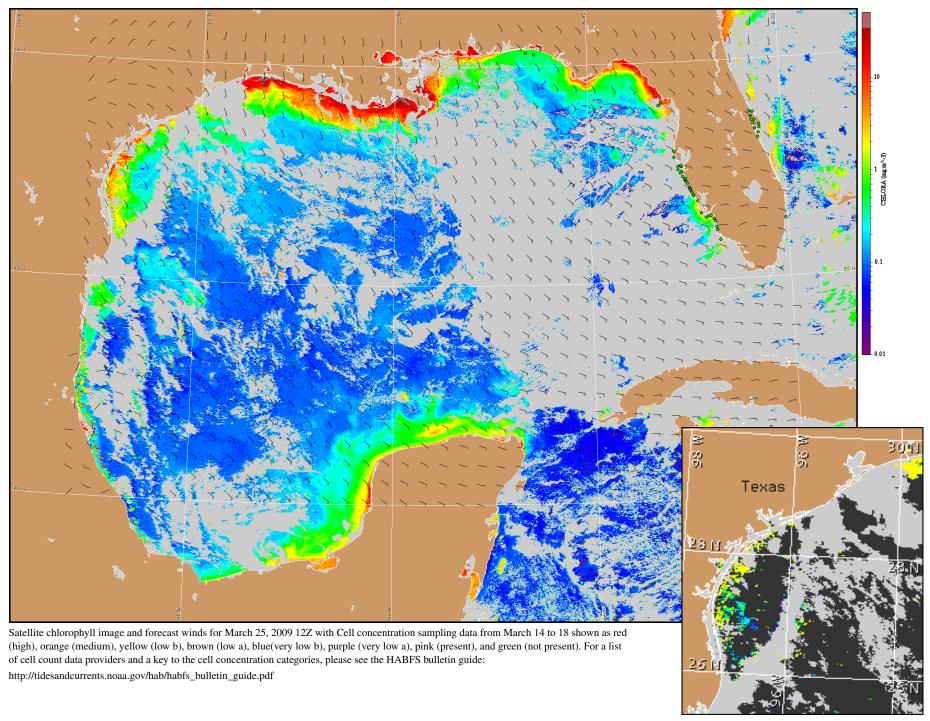


Wind speed and direction are averaged over 12 hours from buoy measurements. Length of line indicates speed; angle indicates direction. Red indicates that the wind direction favors upwelling near the coast. Values to the left of the dotted vertical line are measured values; values to the right are forecasts. Wind observation and forecast data provided by NOAA's National Weather Service (NWS).

Wind Analysis

Today south winds at 15-20 knots. Tomorrow south winds at 10-20 knots. Thursday south winds at 15 knots. Friday south winds at 15-20 knots.

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Verified and suspected HAB areas shown in red. Other areas of high chlorophyll concentration shown in yellow (see p. 1 analysis for interpretation).